

2012 Forensic Chemistry Safety Training

GOAL: The laboratory safety program strives to maintain a safe work environment by providing information and training to all members of the Forensic Services Group.

TRAINING FOR FORENSIC CHEMISTRY: The 2012 Annual Safety Training can be accessed at the website DNA Initiative: Advancing Criminal Justice Through Technology, <http://www.dna.gov/training/labsafety/>. This federal initiative has developed a Laboratory Safety Program for forensic analysts. If you have never used this site for any training, you will need to register as new user. If you are a returning user, you can log in and begin the class. Begin the Course New user? **Register** Returning user? **Login**

Although the site is the President's DNA Initiative, the safety training applies to everyone working at a forensic laboratory. You are able to proceed at your own pace through the safety training. If you want to learn about a topic in more depth, there are many links to provide you with a more detailed explanation or interpretation of a subject.

The online training does reference OSHA. Although OSHA is not controlling, the OSHA safety standards promote a safe work environment which is the goal of this safety training.

Massachusetts state employees are not covered by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations. Executive Order 511 establishes the Massachusetts Employee Safety and Health Advisory Committee. If you are interested in Executive Order 511, use the following links. <http://www.mass.gov/lwd/docs/dos/mwshp/eo511/eo511-flyer.pdf>
<http://www.mass.gov/lwd/labor-standards/occ-safety-and-health/fact-sheet-phase-2.pdf>

The Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards (DLS) and the Massachusetts Human Resource Division(HRD) have established an alliance with OSHA. The three agencies work together to promote workplace safety for all Massachusetts state employees.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Each member of Forensic Chemistry will have a Safety Program assigned to them in QMS. This will take place in the month of August.
2. At any time you can begin the Safety Training by registering or by logging into the website. You do not need your QMS program assignment prior to beginning the online training.
3. Once the training is successfully complete, you will be required to attach the certificate of completion to your Safety Training milestone in QMS. For employees in Amherst and Jamaica Plain, email your certificate to nancy.burns@state.ma.us.
4. All safety training should be completed by November 1, 2012.